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August 3, 2009

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RE: Proposed IOBS Flood Mitigation Grant Application
Backflow Prevention and Pumping System

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the city's efforts to be awarded the IOBS grant for backflow preventers and pumping system. My company, City Directory, Inc., was severely affected by the June 2008 flooding of the Iowa River. We were relocated for a two-month period following the flooding while our facility was gutted and rebuilt. It is my understanding that the havoc and devastation was caused by the river waters entering into the storm sewer system rather than the river simply overflowing its banks. As you can imagine, this type of interruption can be overwhelming for a business and at some point permanent relocation must be considered. The city is attempting to put this mitigation system in to alleviate the threat and keep my company, which is a significant employer, in Belmond.

Again, I wish to throw my full support behind the city's efforts to get this project funded and protect the businesses and residents in this area.

Sincerely,

Cliff Sheakley
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RE: Proposed DOBS Flood Mitigation Grant Application
Backflow Prevention and Pumping System

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the city's efforts to be awarded the DOBS grant for backflow preventers and pumping system. My company, Farm & Home Publishers, was severely affected by the June 2008 flooding of the Iowa River. We were relocated for a two month period following the flooding while our facility was gutted and rebuilt. It is my understanding that the havoc and devastation was caused by the river waters entering into the storm sewer system rather than the river simply overflowing its banks. As you can imagine, this type of interruption can be overwhelming for a business and at some point permanent relocation must be considered. The city is attempting to put this mitigation system in to alleviate the threat and keep my company, which is a significant employer, in Belmont.

Again, I wish to throw my full support behind the city's efforts to get this project funded and protect the businesses and residents in this area.

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RE: Proposed IJOBS Flood Mitigation Grant Application
Backflow Prevention and Pumping System

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing this letter in support of Belmond's efforts to be awarded the IJOBS grant for backflow preventers and pumping system. Our companies, Printing Services, Inc, Farm & Home Publishers, City Directory Inc. and Action Associates were severely affected by the June 2008 flooding of the Iowa River. Our family has been in business in Belmond since October of 1965. Our current location was built in 1975, and has expanded 5 times to meet the business demands. The entire complex employs 210 plus people.

In June 2008 we were relocated for a four month period following the flood while our facility was renovated. It is our understanding that the devastation along with loss was caused by the river waters entering into the storm sewer system rather than the river simply overflowing its banks.

As you can imagine, this type of interruption to a production facility was overwhelming. Without assurance of a correction to this problem we would have to consider a permanent relocation. The city is attempting to put this mitigation system in to alleviate the threat and keep our companies in Belmond.

Again, we wish to throw our full support behind the city's efforts to get this project funded and protect the businesses and residents in this area.

Sincerely,

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RE: Proposed IFOBS Flood Mitigation Grant Application
Backflow Prevention and Pumping System

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the city's efforts to be awarded the IFOBS grant for backflow preventers and pumping system. As Chamber President, and a small business owner in the affected area, I can tell you that the flooding, through the storm sewer back up, disrupted business and closed down the highway and Main Street for a number of days in June 2008.

The Chamber wholeheartedly supports the city's effort to prevent this type of disaster again in Belmond. While I know of only one business that did not re-open after the flooding, I do know that the damage that needed to be addressed and loss of inventory and business to the businesses in this area weakened the financial stability for more than a dozen businesses.

The Chamber is also concerned about the residential damage caused by the flooding and is aware that 30+ homes received flood waters in their basements. Of course these owners were able to be compensated to a small degree through FEMA.

The city is attempting to put this mitigation system in to alleviate the threat. The Chamber, as a partner with the City, wishes to be clear in fully supporting this effort to get this project funded and protect the businesses and residents in this area.

Sincerely,

Steve Froehlich
President